



## **SB 855 (2019) REPORTING**

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**License or certificate types/brief requirements:**

The Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS) licenses professional engineers, professional land surveyors, and professional photogrammetrists and certifies water right examiners.

The minimum requirements for licensure in Oregon include; passing a fundamentals examination and a practical examination, having four years of experience, and education approved by the Board.

**Considerations to barriers for licensure for immigrants/refugees:**

Examples of the OSBEELS laws and rules that minimize impacts to immigrant and refugee licensure include:

ORS 672.103 – Allows the Board to waive the Fundamentals of Engineering examination for applicants who hold licensure as an engineer in another country (or state of the United States) for 25 years or more. The Fundamentals of Engineering examination is one of the two required examinations for a professional engineering license.

OAR 820-010-1020, 820-010-2020, 820-010-3010 – Provides the option of a credentials evaluation of foreign degrees and the ability to substitute additional experience for degree requirements if the credentials evaluation finds deficiencies when comparing a foreign degree to an ABET accredited degree from the United States. ABET accredited degrees are approved by the Board to meet the education requirement.

OAR 820-010-1000, 820-010-2000, 820-010-3000 – Provides the ability for the Board to waive U.S. licensed reference requirements for applicants who obtained their work experience outside of the United States. References are required to verify the work experience gained by the applicant.

**Potential obstacles to licensure for immigrants/refugees:**

Immigrants/refugees may have difficulty in obtaining documentation, such as education transcripts, required for licensure application. In such cases, circumstances will need to be considered on an individual basis and it may be a barrier that cannot be removed without diminishing standards for licensure in Oregon.

OSBEELS staff has reached out to advocates for immigrants/refugees to gain outside perspective on other potential barriers and have not received any feedback.

**Board proposals to remove limits to licensure:**

OSBEELS has no proposals at this time to change standards for licensure in Oregon, but will continue to analyze its rules and processes.